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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MILITARY TRAINING COURSE FOR SON
OF SHAIKH ZAYID

REF: ABU DHABI 0663

1. DOD ADVISES THAT IT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE MILITARY TRAINING FOR UAE PRESIDENT'S SON, SHAIKH SULTAN BIN ZAYID. STATE CONCURS IN DESIRABILITY OF OFFERING THIS TRAINING, AND DEFENSE IS NOW EXPLORING VARIOUS COURSE POSSIBILITIES, COSTS, AND CONVENING DATES. THESE WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTTEL.

2. SHAIKH KHALIFA AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE ADDF SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT COSTS OF THIS TYPE OF TRAINING MUST BE HANDLED ON FMS SALES BASIS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE LETTER OF OFFER SINCE THE UAE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET SIGNED FMS AGREEMENT WE PRESENTED THEM IN MID-1973. YOU MAY WISH REMIND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THAT WE CONTINUE AWAIT THEIR ACTION ON OUR DRAFT FMS AGREEMENT.

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